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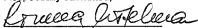
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	2	4,153,583	05/08/79	Hancock	252	550	
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OTHER DOCUMENTS

	16	European Search Report in an EP application EP 03 25 7506					
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	18	Derwent Abstract JP 03 074495 - published March 29, 1991					
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	20	Derwent Abstract JP 50 151905 - published December 8, 1975					
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